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Title: OPERATING METHOD FOR A DATA BUS WITH A  
PLURALITY OF NODES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-11 as follows:

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5. A process for operating a plurality of nodes through  
a configured data bus wherein said nodes are in communication  
with one another through said configured data bus, said method  
comprising the steps of:  
connecting at least one of said nodes through a light guide  
to said data bus configuration;  
providing synchronizing pulses to synchronize each of said  
nodes;